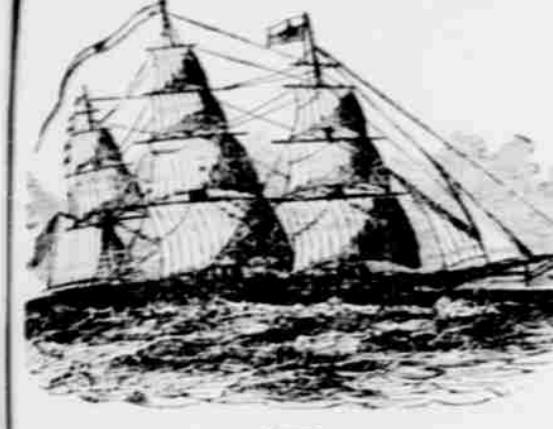


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The favorite and fast China packet, the clipper ship *Moonlight*, arrived on Thursday last, 15 days ago San Francisco, bringing the New York mail of January 21. The news is not of special importance from our California and Eastern cities, we make up the following summary:

Pacific Side.

J. P. Staples, a passenger, jumped overboard from the bark *Cowit*, from Honolulu, as he was coming into port yesterday morning. He was supposed to be lame. Before aid could reach him he was drowned.

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NOTES OF SAN FRANCISCO.—In his argument before the jury in the *Hargan* murder case, in the Court of Justice, San Francisco, on Saturday evening, after begging the jury to consider the terrible consequences that might ensue if the accused was not exonerated, stated that "there are in this city three thousand women who gain living wholly, or in part, by prostitution." "Each one of these," said he, "has some relatives, son, son's son, who have disgraced by their conduct the name of their families."

It is now definitely settled that Mr. Seward will be accompanied by his family, Major Hunter and Colonel Sumner, of the United States army, and few distinguished Illinoisans. His route will be through Indianapolis, Columbus, Pittsburgh, Cleveland, New York, Albany, and Boston, and finally to Washington, where he will be received with great enthusiasm by the people.

The iron-plate ship-of-war *Wolverine*, of 6000 tons, was successfully launched on the 20th Dec.

The rates of disougn had been advanced by the Bank of England six per cent.

Quite a panic ensued in some parts of Liverpool, and in Paris. Rumors were afloat that a mob had entered the baker shops and helped themselves, owing to an advance in the price of bread and the suspension of labor in consequence of the severity of the weather, and that a regular riot had broken out. A large number of small fires were fortunately quelled, and a general alarm prevailed in the city. The reports, however, all proved groundless, and confidence was quickly restored.

The ship *Morning Star* from Liverpool, rescued from the burning ship *Globus*, bound for New York, 149 passengers and crew, including 60 females and children. Only one was lost. They were brought to Noreuil.

Four of the crew of the British brig *Quickstep*, abandoned at sea, were also picked up by the ship *Sophia*.

FRANCE.

The winter throughout France had set in with great severity. It is reported that England and France had come to an understanding with regard to Venice, and that a joint commission would shortly be sent to Venice urging the cession of Venice without territorial recompence.

The Emperor of Austria, the Duke of Wellington, and the Duke of Cambridge, were taken by the Emperor, whilst the vessel was moving through the waters at a speed of least nine miles. Lady Franklin's visit to Vienna is to oblige Miss Basset Countess, who has taken a great interest in the colony and endowed a church school there, as well as to meet with numerous friends of her husband and herself. Her health is good and she has greatly enjoyed the voyage.

Eastern States.

Our dates by mail are to January 22, and by Telegraph to February 2. Everything remained pretty much as at previous advices.

LATEST SUCCESSION AND WASHINGTON ITEMS.

St. Louis, via Fort Kearny, Jan. 2—A. M.

On Wednesday, the Pacific Railroad bill passed the U. S. Senate, 37 to 14. If no amendments are concurred in by the House, the latest impression is that the President will not veto the bill.

The Crittenden compromise is still under discussion in both branches of Congress, but no action has been taken indicating the probable result, though chances of compromise are materially strengthened.

On Thursday, Jan. 31, Seward made another great speech, inciting the South to resist the incoming president, and other considerations, and denouncing any new secession or revolution, or defiance, and speaking of war as the last resort, and must be deplored. He expressed the opinion that all the difficulties would be amicably settled, in which opinion Douglas concurred.

The Grand Jury found three cases against Bailey for treason, one joint indictment against Bailey, and two others against Bell for treason, and one joint indictment against Bailey, Russell and Floyd, for conspiracy to defraud the Government.

NEW YORK, JANUARY 31.—Special Washington dispatches state that Col. Hayne of South Carolina, has presented the South Carolina ultimatum respecting the occupation of Fort Sumter, to President Buchanan, who acknowledged its receipt but made no reply.

The announcement of the Springfield *Journal*, that Mr. Lincoln is opposed to any measures of compromise, is regarded in Washington as unofficial, and it is anticipated that there, that Mr. Lincoln will give an intimation of his future policy until after his inauguration.

The friends of the Pacific Railroad, judging from a vote of Senate, are sanguine of the President's approval. Amendments are yet to be voted upon by the House.

The commander of the *Brooklyn* was ordered to be at Fort Pickens after having landed supplies, and to see an attempt to attack the fortress, to land his artillerymen and bring the ship's guns to bear on the State forces. Intense anxiety exists at the State house here from Pensacola, as a collision is strongly apprehended.

The inhabitants of Pensacola, Florida, is now well garrisoned. There is one company of infantry, and two regiments of cavalry, nothing hostile has yet occurred, nor any reliable indications that such result is imminent. The Administration will do anything to bring on a collision. The fear is that the State troops will attack Fort Pickens. These apprehensions are probably mainly with Washington correspondents.

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South Carolina, Dec. 20; Florida, Jan. 10, 1861; Alabama, Jan. 9; Louisiana, Jan. 11.

The Pony Express reports that Louisiana has also seceded.

It is understood that the messenger from South Carolina brings the resolution passed by the Legislature of that State, demanding the surrender of Fort Sumter. Col. Hayne will present the demand; and, if refused, an attack will be made on Fort Sumter.

Col. Hayne will send a written communication to the President, in the name of the State, requesting him to call out the militia to put down the fugitive slave law. A. M. will cause Fort Sumter to be evacuated and the troops withdrawn. He has no hope that the proposition will be accepted, and will wait but a short time for a reply. He expects to leave home on Saturday.

The *Star of the West*—It is said that Holt, Stanton, Black and Trower have all agreed that the movement will imperatively demands that the reinforcement of the Virginian Legislature to hold a session in the fall of the year, and to permit no man to reach Fort Sumter. The situation, the *Star* is being fitted up to accompany her, and so aid in protecting her, the *Brooklyn* not being able to cross the bar at the entrance of the harbor.

St. Louis, January 26.—Yesterday the President sent an important Message to Congress in reference to the proslavery of the Virginia Legislature to hold a session in the fall of the year. The President thinks that this Convention may be the means of preventing secession, and he urges Congress not to pass laws which may bring on a conflict until the efforts of the Convention are tested. He says that his duty is to protect public property, and he will do so to the extent of his ability.

The Union Convention at Washington is greatly interested in the progress of a bill of rights to be introduced by Mr. Crittenden, and to be voted on by the Senate, and the House. Before aid could reach him he was detained.

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